

## House Resolution 2088

By: Representatives Parrish of the 156<sup>th</sup>, Stephens of the 164<sup>th</sup>, and Channell of the 116<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the European Union and recognizing May 9, 2010, as Europe Day and May  
2 9-16, 2010, as Europe Week at the Georgia State Capitol; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, 60 years ago on May 9, 1950, the Schuman Declaration proposed the creation  
4 of an organized association of European countries as an indispensable contribution to  
5 peaceful relations in the world and that association has grown into today's European Union  
6 (EU) and one of the United States' closest partners and allies; and

7 WHEREAS, each year, the countries of Europe and countries where the EU is represented  
8 celebrate this joyous event with many festivities in recognition of European integration and  
9 the subsequent peace and prosperity which it has achieved; and

10 WHEREAS, there is a strong bond of friendship and heritage between the citizens of Georgia  
11 and the European Union member states and Georgians should welcome opportunities to  
12 further develop these relationships at the business, cultural, and academic levels; and

13 WHEREAS, the economic partnership between Georgia and the EU is a significant  
14 relationship with Georgia exports to the EU totaling approximately \$6.5 billion per year and  
15 the EU providing approximately 54 percent of the total foreign direct investments in Georgia  
16 which provides over 113,000 jobs; and

17 WHEREAS, Georgia is privileged to host representatives from member states of the EU,  
18 including career consulates and representatives from their trade offices; and

19 WHEREAS, this state proudly serves as a host for numerous bi-national chambers of  
20 commerce and cultural organizations such as the Goethe Institute and the Alliance Francais  
21 which foster business and cultural connections between Georgia and the EU; and

22 WHEREAS, Georgia's universities play a valuable role in establishing Georgia's burgeoning  
23 internationalization and, particularly, the European Union Center of Excellence at the  
24 Georgia Institute of Technology has promoted a greater understanding of the importance of  
25 the EU and its partnership with the United States; and

26 WHEREAS, Georgia should join the international community in marking May 9-16, 2010,  
27 as the first Europe Week to be celebrated under the new Lisbon Treaty, ratified by the 27  
28 member states of the EU.

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
30 the members of this body join together in celebrating the European Union and the importance  
31 of the State of Georgia's relationship with its EU partners by recognizing May 9, 2010, as  
32 Europe Day and May 9-16, 2010, as Europe Week at the Georgia State Capitol.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
34 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Ambassador Angelos  
35 Pangratis.